- Constant emphasis on States to:
  - Ensure regular supply of supplementary nutrition as per schematic norms;
  - Ensure effective convergence of health nutrition, education and safe drinking water services under various programmes.

Meagre pay to Aganwadi Workers

†128. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Anganwadi workers and helpers are given such a meager pay or honorarium that they are unable to make their both ends meet;

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards staying of dharna demonstration by these workers and helpers;

(c) the amount of consolidated pay or honorarium paid by Central and State Governments to these workers and helpers; and

(d) whether Government propose to increase the honorarium/pay to make this scheme effective?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) The Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme envisages the Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) and Helpers (AWHs) as "honorary workers" from the local community. However, in order to give recognition to their voluntary efforts, they are paid a monthly honorarium, as decided by the Government from time to time.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The honorarium being paid to Anganwadi Workers out of grant-in-aid released by the Government of India ranges from Rs. 938/- to Rs. 1063/- per month, depending upon their qualification and experience. Anganwadi Helpers are paid an honorarium of Rs. 500/- per month. Further, some States are also paying additional honorarium/monetary incentives to Anganwadi workers/Helpers, for work other than ICDS, out of their own resources, as given in the Statement annexed (See below)

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) Government has constituted a Review Committee to examine the current levels of honorarium and related issues of Anganwadi Workes and Anganwadi Helpers.

Statement

State-wise Information regarding addl, *honorarium to AWWs/AWHs*

SI. No.	Name of State/Ut	Addl. Honorarium to AWWs	Addl. Honorarium to AWhs
1.	Goa	1752-3200*	100-1600#
2.	Haryana	200	100
3.	Himachal Pradesh	200	100
4.	J&K	245-280	140
5.	Karnataka	550	275
6.	Kerala	400	400
7.	Maharashtra	400	240
8.	Sikkim	750	450
9.	Punjab	400	200
10.	Tamil Nadu	807	600
11.	Tripura	855** & 75^	625** & 50^
12.	West Bengal	400	400
13.	Delhi	500	300
14.	Pondicherry	460	400
15.	A & N Island	500	240
16.	Chandigarh	400	300
17.	Lakshadweep	500	200
18.	Jharkhand	250	100
19.	D&N Haveli	500	300
20.	Daman & Diu	500	300
21.	Gujarat	Nil	Nil
22.	Orissa	Nil	Nil
23.	Chhattisgarh	Nil	Nil
24.	Andhra Pradesh	400	200
25.	Uttaranchal	1500	750
26.	Bihar	Nil	Nil
27.	Madhya Pradesh	Nil	Nil
28.	Assam	Nil	Nil
29.	Nagaland	Nil	Nil
30.	Rajasthan	Nil	Nil
31.	Uttar Pradesh	200	100

* depending upon their qualification and experience.

depending upon the no. of years of service.

** those engaged prior to 2004 and> those engaged from 2004 and onwards.